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### **Energy and Environment Cabinet Offers Additional Emergency Cleanup Grants to 4 Kentucky Counties** *Laurel, Magoffin, Menifee, and Morgan counties continue cleanup efforts*

**Frankfort, Ky.** (March 26, 2012) – Because field observations have determined that four Kentucky counties suffered the most extensive damage from the Feb. 29 and March 2 tornadoes, the Energy and Environment Cabinet's (EEC) Division of Waste Management is offering additional grant dollars for cleanup activities.

"As with the first round of grant dollars, county leaders will be able to use this funding for the collection, transportation and disposal of solid waste generated by tornado damage," said EEC Secretary Len Peters. "It is our hope that this additional funding will assist these communities in their recovery efforts."

Morgan County is eligible to receive \$150,000. Laurel, Magoffin and Menifee counties are each eligible for \$75,000.

Counties have 120 days to complete the activities outlined in the grant agreement. A final spending report will be due to the waste management division on Aug. 2, 2012.

Kentuckians should be aware of health, safety and compliance hazards associated with debris handling and disposal. These hazards include burning of debris, asbestos removal and mold growth. Detailed information on storm debris cleanup may be obtained at the Division for Air Quality's website at <http://air.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx> by clicking on "Disposing of Storm and Flood Debris" at the bottom of the page.

A listing of county solid waste coordinators can be found online at <http://waste.ky.gov/RLA/Documents/Solid%20Waste%20Coordinators%208-25-10.pdf>.

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